

124. (newly presented) The method as defined in Claim 38, wherein the compound selected as primary sealing compound is one which is particularly well suited for sealing the insulating glass panel from penetrating water vapor, especially one consisting of a thermoplastic polyisobutylene.

125. (newly presented) The method as defined in 38, wherein the compound selected as secondary sealing compound is one which is particularly well suited for bonding the glass panes durably and firmly, especially a curable plastic material, for example a polyurethane or a Thiokol (polysulfide), a reactive polyisobutylene, a silicon resin or a hot-melt.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is submitted for the sole purpose of correcting the originally filed PCT claims to better match US Practices.

The originally submitted PCT claims numbered 1-65, and were in the German language.

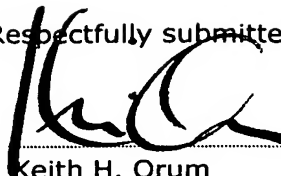
Amendments were filed in the German language during the PCT prosecution. However, no translation of those claim amendments are filed with the US National stage application, so it is understood that those amendments will be essentially ignored for purposes of the US prosecution.

New English language claims 66-125 are filed herewith. These claims are to be used for purposes of the US examination.

In canceling the original claims 1-65 there is no admission by the applicant regarding substantive patentability of those claims. The cancellation is only carried out in order to allow presentation of the new US style claims 66-125.

Applicant now respectfully requests further prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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